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1. The headquarters of the Pursuit Brigade¹ is located about three kilometers south-east of Tirana just below the Tirana-Elbasan road. It is subordinate to the Border Guard Directorate of the Ministry of Interior. The Commanding Officer is Colonel Gjelli ARGJIRI.
2. The Pursuit Brigade consists of the following units: 43 Battalion in Puke (Q.B. 47-20), 75 Battalion in Shenpal (Q.B. 54-99), 39 Battalion in Tirana near the Brigade headquarters, and a fourth battalion in Gramsh (Q.M. 58-88).
3. The 43 Battalion has companies in Kukes (Q.B. 89-24), Bicaj (Q.B. 89-11), and Puke. The 75 Battalion has two companies in Shenpal and one company in Rubig (Q.G. 31-91). The 39 Battalion has one company near the Stalin Textile Factory, another in the Tirana area, and a third at Mamuras (Q.G. 25-69).
4. The task of the Brigade is to combat resistance groups and enemy agents, and to quell uprisings. Its personnel consists of persons who have completed their regular tour of duty in the Army and have demonstrated loyalty to the regime. They volunteer for a three year tour.

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1. This is carried on the latest Army Order of Battle Summary as the Special Pursuit Brigade located at Tirana; a second Brigade is located at Tepelene. Another unit, the Security Brigade [redacted] also bears some resemblance to the organization of this Pursuit Brigade.

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